



Compliments of the Hunter Education Program

PHEW! It has been a busy few weeks here in the Hunter Education Office. Between registering classes, fulfilling equipment requests, fielding student calls, gaining two new employees, and taking the federal auditors on a tour of our facilities, we barely have time to catch our breath, and we're sure it's the same for you! Now is the prime time for classes, and you all sure are giving a ton!

Great job, and thanks for all you do for the program!

In this issue you will find VT Fish & Wildlife press releases, and articles relevant to the program. First you'll meet our two new staff members, in their own words.

Meet the Staff!

Nicole Corrao: Education & Information Specialist

Since I was bit by a snake at the tender age of 4 years old, I have been captivated by the outdoors. I graduated from Stony Brook University with a BS in Biology, and I've been lucky enough to make a career out of what I love to do. My first job out of college was a day at the beach – monitoring endangered shorebirds on eastern Long Island – but since then I have been more involved in Hunter Education and general outdoorsman training. I began working for New York State DEC's wildlife office three years ago (running hunter check stations, participating in goose and duck banding, stocking projects, and other wildlife specialty work), but my main responsibility DEC was in the Sportsman Education Program. I was passionate about the work, which included organizing Youth Waterfowl Hunt days, Youth Conservation Programs, Instructor Training programs, and other outreach events. Although I grew up on Long Island, I am excited to make Vermont my new home, and I'm eager to dig in with Hunter Education. You can find me hiking or kayaking through central Vermont, field guide and binoculars in hand. I look forward to meeting all of you eventually, but in the meantime, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you would like to talk, give your input about the program, or share a favorite hunting spot!



Nicole and her Striped Bass, caught off of Orient Point, NY.

Hope Kanarvogel: Hunter Education Technician



Hello everyone! My name is Hope Kanarvogel and I am a new addition to the rowdy Hunter Education crew. I grew up on Shelter Island (a small island off of New York) and I graduated from Unity College in Maine with a Bachelors degree in Conservation Law Enforcement. I love to hunt, fish and hike any chance I get. I am so happy to be working for such an amazing organization, with outstanding people, and in one of the most beautiful environments. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all!

Welcome, New Trainees!

In the last newsletter, we told you about the instructor training at Buck Lake. These new recruits are ready to help you in your classes. In fact, they need to start getting their feet wet in the program, so if you want one of them to help you in a class, contact the Hunter Education Office and we will put you in contact with a trainee close to you.

Name	Town	Name	Town
Wayne Averty	Brattleboro	Trish Jones	Irasburg
Scott Brock	E. Randolph	Bradley King	Underhill
Tovar Cerulli	Montpelier/Plainfield	Erin Lilianthal	Bethel
Glenn Gannon	Montpelier	Blair Moulton	W. Charleston
Karon Given	Brattleboro	Mort Pierpont	Salisbury
Michael Graham	St. Albans	Brock Quesnel	Whiting
Jared Hart	Williamstown	Patrick Sikora	E. Montpelier
Conner Hunt	Lyndonville/ Wilmington	Dan Whipple	W. Charleston

Name Our Newsletter

Maybe you love that it is called the Weekly Shout Out. Maybe you think there is a better alternative out there. We think that something more related to hunting, hunter education, or the outdoors would be a more fun and engaging name for our newsletter. The Hunter Education Team brainstormed, and came up with a few fun ideas. Vote on your favorite here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LDYX737>

The next newsletter will proudly herald the new name, or keep Shout Out! Get out there and vote!

Bear Hunting Seminar a Success!



Students intently listen to a talk by biologist Forrest Hammond.
Photo by Nicole Corrao

With Vermont's new early bear season in mind, Hunter Education Training Coordinator John Pellegrini facilitated a bear hunting seminar geared toward new bear hunters. This day-long seminar took place at Linwood Smith's Archery Shop, and featured talks by biologists, bear-houndsmen, and enthusiasts. A field dressing and skinning demonstration was led by Theresa and Rodney Elmer, and attendees were served a bear-meat lunch! The whole event was reported on by Alice Eats and an article was

published both online and in print copies of Seven Days newspaper. To read the full article, click [here](http://www.7dvt.com/2013could-bear-be-next-it-meat) (<http://www.7dvt.com/2013could-bear-be-next-it-meat>). Great job to John and everyone who participated and made the day such a success!

To read the press release on the early/late bear hunting seasons click [here](#):

(http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/Detail.cfm?Agency_ID=2267)

or [here](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/Detail.cfm?Agency_ID=2276): (http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/Detail.cfm?Agency_ID=2276)



Rodney Elmer shares the secrets of skinning a bear.
Photo by Nicole Corrao

Vermont Migratory Bird Seasons Announced

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board approved the 2013 migratory bird hunting season dates at its August 14 meeting in Montpelier.

A printable copy of the regulations can be downloaded from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). A printed version also will be available from license agents and post offices in early September.

A statewide Vermont open hunting season for Canada geese will occur September 3-25. The daily bag limit is five Canada geese except in that portion of the Lake Champlain Zone within Addison County north of Route 125, where the limit will be two per day. The purpose of the September season is to help control Vermont's resident Canada goose population prior to the arrival of Canada geese migrating south from Canada.

A second Canada goose hunting season, which targets both resident and migrant birds, will be held October 10- November 28 with a daily bag limit of three Canada geese in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones. In the Connecticut River Zone, the Canada goose season will be October 2- November 3, and November 19-December 15 with a daily bag limit of two Canada geese.

Duck season this fall opens on Wednesday, October 9 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones, and on October 2 in the Connecticut River Zone. The Lake Champlain Zone has a split season (October 9-13 and October 26-December 19). The Interior Vermont Zone is a straight season (October 9-December 7). The Connecticut River Zone is a split season (October 2-November 3 and November 19-December 15).

Vermont's youth waterfowl hunting weekend will be September 28 and 29. Resident and nonresident hunters 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks and geese statewide during this season while accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Both must have Vermont hunting licenses. The adult may not hunt or carry a firearm. The youth and the adult are not required to hold state or federal duck stamps on this weekend.

Woodcock hunting season is October 1- November 14 statewide with a three-bird bag limit.

A waterfowl hunter 16 or older must carry current federal and Vermont duck stamps in order to hunt waterfowl in Vermont. Federal stamps are sold at post offices. State duck stamps are available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and from license agents. The hunter must sign the federal duck stamp.

All migratory game bird hunters must be registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). You can register on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website or call toll-free 1-877-306-7091. After providing some basic information, you will receive your annual H.I.P. registration number, which you then need to record in the H.I.P. section of your hunting license.

The hunting season dates, bag limits and related regulations for all migratory birds are set annually in August within a framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and in coordination with New York and New Hampshire.

Waterfowl season dates and bag limits are set in three zones: Lake Champlain, Interior Vermont, and Connecticut River. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department sets the season dates and bag limits for the Connecticut River Zone.



LEGAL SHOOTING HOURS TABLE
 Legal shooting hours for the taking of waterfowl begin one-half hour before sunrise and end at sunset daily. Correct shooting hours are shown below.

Daylight Savings Time	AM.	PM.	November	A.M.	P.M.
September	5:46	7:22	1	6:58	5:40
	5:47	7:21	2	6:59	5:38
	5:48	7:19	3	6:00	4:37
	5:49	7:17	4	6:02	4:36
	5:50	7:15	5	6:03	4:34
	5:52	7:13	6	6:04	4:33
	5:53	7:11	7	6:06	4:32
	5:54	7:10	8	6:07	4:31
	5:55	7:08	9	6:08	4:30
	5:56	7:06	10	6:10	4:28
	5:57	7:04	11	6:11	4:27
	5:58	7:02	12	6:12	4:26
	6:00	7:00	13	6:14	4:25
	6:01	6:58	14	6:15	4:24
	6:02	6:57	15	6:16	4:23
	6:03	6:55	16	6:18	4:22
	6:04	6:53	17	6:19	4:21
	6:05	6:51	18	6:20	4:20
	6:07	6:49	19	6:21	4:20
	6:08	6:47	20	6:23	4:19
	6:09	6:45	21	6:24	4:18
	6:10	6:44	22	6:25	4:17
	6:11	6:42	23	6:27	4:17
			24	6:28	4:16
			25	6:29	4:15
			26	6:30	4:15
			27	6:31	4:15
			28	6:33	4:14
			29	6:34	4:14
			30	6:35	4:13
			31	6:37	4:13
			1	6:36	4:13
			2	6:37	4:12
			3	6:38	4:12
			4	6:39	4:12
			5	6:40	4:12
			6	6:41	4:11
			7	6:42	4:11
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			25	6:55	4:15
			26	6:55	4:17
			27	6:55	4:18
			28	6:55	4:19
			29	6:55	4:20
			30	6:55	4:20
			31	6:56	4:20

2013 VERMONT MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS
 (regulations in effect September 1, 2013 through December 29, 2013)

Species	Lake Champlain Zone	Interior Vermont Zone	Connecticut River Zone
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	Oct 9 - Oct 13 Oct 26 - Dec 19	Oct 9 - Dec 7	Oct 2 - Nov 3 Nov 19 - Dec 15
Canada Geese	Sept 3 - Sept 25 Oct 10 - Nov 28	Sept 3 - Sept 25 Oct 10 - Nov 28	Sept 3 - Sept 25 Oct 2 - Nov 3 Nov 19 - Dec 15
Snow Geese (includes blue geese)	Oct 1 - Dec 29	Oct 1 - Dec 29	Oct 2 - Dec 15
Brant	Oct 9 - Nov 7	Oct 9 - Nov 7	Oct 2 - Oct 31
Woodcock	Statewide	Oct 1 - Nov 14	
Common Snipe	Statewide	Oct 1 - Nov 14	

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend - September 28 & 29

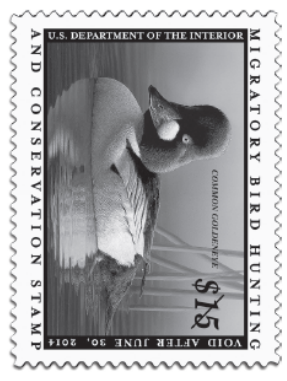
BAG LIMIT CHART

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds of each species any person may take (or possess in the field) during any one day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for all waterfowl species except snow geese.

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks *	6	18
Mergansers **	5	15
Coot	15	45
Canada Geese		
September Season	5****	15****
Lake Champlain Zone	5	15
Interior Vermont Zone	5	15
Connecticut River Zone	5	15
Oct-Dec. Season		
Lake Champlain Zone	3	9
Interior Vermont Zone	3	9
Connecticut River Zone	2	6
Snow Geese	25	no limit
Brant	2	6
Woodcock	3	9
Common Snipe	8	24

* The daily limit of 6 ducks may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 4 scoters.
 ** The daily limit of 5 mergansers is in addition to the regular duck bag, and together may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers.
 *** Addition County north of Route 125 - the bag limit is 2 Canada geese/day and 6 in possession during the September 3-25 season (applies to Lake Champlain Zone only).
 White-fronted geese may be taken as part of the Canada goose daily bag and possession limits.

2013 SYLLABUS OF STATE AND FEDERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS IN VERMONT



Pursuant to V.S.A. Title 10, Part 4, Section 4082(b) as amended, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board has adopted the Migratory Bird Regulations set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which became a part of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Regulations, Title 10, App. Sec. 23.



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Program combines convenience of internet access with hands-on field course

Hunter Education classes don't always get good press, if they're lucky to get any at all. Recently, a reporter from the Burlington Free Press decided to pop in to a Hunter Ed class given by our own technician, Mary Childs! Click [here](http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013309030008&nclick_check=1) for the full story (http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013309030008&nclick_check=1).

Great job, Mary!

Fish and Wildlife Department Unveils New Online Hunter Education Registration



Students take aim at field courses Photo by Nicole Corrao

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is encouraging new hunters to sign up now for a hunter education course through its new online registration system. The new system allows hunters to search for courses in their area and to enroll online.

All new hunters, trappers, and bow-hunters in Vermont must pass the required hunter education course before purchasing a license. Courses are offered in either a classroom environment or through a homestudy program. Both classroom and homestudy course options include a field component with an instructor.

“The homestudy program has proven very successful in allowing hunters to fit a course into their busy schedules,” said Chris Saunders, Vermont’s

hunter education coordinator.

All courses are taught by certified volunteer instructors. They cover subjects such as orienteering, first aid and survival, hunter ethics, wildlife identification, and gun safety.

Students interested in a course can enroll at www.register-ed.com/programs/vermont. The new system includes maps and directions, instant confirmation and reminder emails, and a function that allows users to contact a course instructor directly. It also allows users to view the number of open spaces remaining in a course, and to receive email notifications when new courses become available in their area.

“We encourage hunters to sign up now because space is limited and classes fill up quickly,” said Saunders. “Once hunting season begins, our volunteer instructors will want to be out in the field.”

The Vermont Hunter Education Program consists of 350 instructors who certify almost 5,000 students annually. The course and all materials are provided free of charge through funding provided by the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program. There is no minimum age.

If you have a question about Event Manager, have feedback, comments, or concerns, please contact Nicole at nicole.corrao@state.vt.us or 802-318-1347

We'd Love to Hear From You

Ever wonder how to get in touch with your favorite Hunter Ed Team member? Consider this your guide to the stars.

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Hunting is more than just picking up a gun

Some more positive press for Hunter Education! The Stowe Reporter published an article last week which featured one of our very own instructors, Charles Wilbur and his crew. Charles shares his experiences with the reporter, and the reporter also shares some insight about tradition, safety, hunter education classes, and the hunting season. Read the full article [here](http://www.stowetoday.com/stowe-reporter/sports/article-f29dfa32-1bc9-11e3-9bd7-001a4bcf887a.html) (<http://www.stowetoday.com/stowe-reporter/sports/article-f29dfa32-1bc9-11e3-9bd7-001a4bcf887a.html>).

Please Excuse Our Appearance While We Undergo Improvements!

As you all know, we are transitioning a few new staff members to the team. To ensure that you get your class materials on time, and that you get everything you need, please submit any requisitions completely and early! We are working hard to get everything out to you, but we are bound to hit a few bumps in the road. Thanks for being patient!



New Tracker Makes it Harder for Ticks to Hide in Vermont



Wonder where the ticks are lurking in your community?

The Health Department's new "Tick Tracker" provides a place to report tick sightings online and to view a map of tick activity in Vermont. The Tick Tracker is crowd-sourced and anyone can contribute by posting where and when they see ticks at <http://healthvermont.gov/ticktracker>.

"Once you report ticks in your area, it shows up on a map so that everyone can know where they might want to take extra precautions when spending time outdoors," said Erica Berl, an infectious disease epidemiologist. "It's not too late to report – adult ticks are most active in the spring and fall."

The site also has links to information about tick-borne diseases and preventing tick bites.

The deer tick, which can transmit Lyme disease, has become the most frequently found tick in Vermont. Cases of Lyme disease reached an all-time high in 2011, with more than 500 reports of people who were likely exposed in the state. In 2012, there were 367 reported cases with likely exposure.

The role of climate change could be a factor in the growing numbers.

"Climate change may increase the likelihood that new tick-borne diseases will spread into our region, so monitoring the tick population could help provide an early indication of emerging health threats," said Heidi Hales, program chief of the Health Department's Climate Change Adaptation program.

The Health Department is also working to raise awareness about Lyme disease. A deer tick must be attached for about 36 hours before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted. Prompt removal can prevent illness, so everyone should get in the habit of checking themselves for ticks at least once a day. Lyme disease can be effectively treated with antibiotics. Left untreated, the disease can be serious and affect the skin, heart, nerves or joints.

"People are always asking us, where are the ticks?" Berl said. "And similar to the Health Department's crowd-sourced map of blue-green algae, now we can show them."

For more information on tick-borne illness visit: http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/zoonotic/tickborne/Tickborne_diseases.aspx

Sound Off!

What do you want to see in this newsletter? Do you have any game recipes you would like to share? Any great hunting experiences, valuable learning experiences, or other stories to share? Let us know! E-mail your stories or ideas for segments to Nicole at nicole.corrao@state.vt.us and your story could appear in future newsletters!

